



# Quinault Indian Nation

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Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Attention: Brian Fredieu

RE: James Harp appointment Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal Seat

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

On behalf of the Quinault Indian Nation, I am pleased to endorse the nomination of James Harp to the Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal Seat. The Quinault Indian Nation, located on the Washington coast, is one of the 26 federally recognized tribes with federally recognized treaty fishing rights.

James is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and his fishery conservation and management experience spans at least 30 years. His experience includes serving as the Quinault Tribal Policy Representative, and on a technical level, he worked for nearly twenty years for the Quinault Department of Natural Resources as the Fisheries Manager. He has demonstrated both technical skills along with his policy-level experience.

James has been a strong advocate for the Pacific Northwest tribes with his long time involvement in fishery management. He has been an effective advocate for the Tribes in this capacity on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and has been the Tribal representative in the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Southern Panel as well. James has a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding the fisheries from Alaska through Canada to the upper reaches of the Columbia River system and the Klamath River system in northern California.

Further, he has been extremely reliable and consistent in representing tribes in the fishery regimes affecting chinook and coho salmon fisheries. He understands the tribal economies that are dependent on the salmon and he also endeavors to look toward the future of the salmon.

We appreciate his leadership abilities to balance the competing desires of various groups and we applaud him on his fairness to blend into a package of fisheries for salmon for everyone.

The Quinault Indian Nation respectfully requests that you will give James strong consideration in filling this important role in the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Sharp', written over a horizontal line.

Fawn R. Sharp, President  
Quinault Indian Nation

cc: Will Stelle, NMFS NWR